

## IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating content, said method comprising the steps, of: ~~inputting content having a format selected from a content group comprising a text file, a Microsoft Word file, an Adobe Acrobat File, an HTML document, an XML document, an xHTML document, a Quark Express document, a Word Perfect document, an SGML document, and an Adobe PageMaker document to form inputted content;~~

converting ~~[[the]]~~ inputted content ~~from the content group~~ into an XML format to form converted content;

applying a DOM tree to the content; ~~[[and]]~~

outputting the converted content into ~~[[an]]~~ a plurality of output device devices; and  
coordinating the plurality of output devices so that the plurality of the output devices delivers synchronized output.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ at least one said output device is configured for use by a special needs person.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ at least one said output device is a test device usable for administering standardized tests.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of reading the DOM tree from data embedded in the inputted content.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of scanning the inputted content to develop the DOM tree.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said scanning step includes a step of headings scanning in order to identify at least one of headings, subheadings, and chapters.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising a step of parsing the inputted content into at least content pieces, the content pieces having a characteristic selected from a characteristic group comprising a paragraph a phrase, a word, and a letter.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of analyzing the content pieces so as to assign an identifier to each of said content pieces.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the identifier is at least one selected from an identifier group comprising a subject, a predicate, and an object.
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27. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating content to a special needs person, said method comprising the steps of:

accepting digitized content input;

using a processor to convert said content input into a converted content,

providing a computerized output configuration toolbar to the person;

enabling the person to use the toolbar to modify an existing third-party software application; and

modifying output to the person based upon a selected configuration.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the individual can modify at least one of a characteristics group comprising speech enablement, keystroke echo, contrast, text highlighting, text color, size of text, reading rate, volume of speech, and voice selection.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 27, further comprising a step of~~ A method of communicating content to a special needs person, said method comprising the steps of:

accepting digitized content input;

using a processor to convert said content input into a converted content;

providing a computerized output configuration toolbar to the person;

modifying output to the person based upon a selected configuration; and

providing a computerized avatar to facilitate communicating of the content.

32. (New) A method of communicating content to a special needs person, said method comprising the steps of:

accepting digitized content input;

using a processor to convert said content input into a converted content;

providing a computerized output configuration toolbar to the person;

enabling the person to use the toolbar to change a reading rate at which speech is generated; and

modifying output to the person based upon a selected configuration.

33. (New) The method of claim 27, comprising the further step of providing a computerized avatar to facilitate communicating of the content.

34. (New) The method of claim 27, comprising the further step of enabling the person to use the toolbar to change a reading rate at which speech is generated.

35. (New) The method of claim 27, comprising the further steps of:

loading a test onto a portable system;

providing a plurality of communication channels on the portable system by which the person may interact with the portable system; and

recording responses from said individual communicated via at least one of said channels.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, comprising the further step of using the processor to time portions of the test.

37. (New) The method of claim 35, comprising the further step of using the processor to prevent the person from returning to a portion of the test.

38. (New) The method of claim 35, comprising the further step of using the processor to enable a proctor to add additional time for taking the test.

39. (New) The method of claim 35, comprising the further step of using the processor to enable a proctor to cancel a portion of the test.

40. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising the step of delivering the portable system to a site at which testing content may be used.

41. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the providing of channels step includes permitting access to at least one of an access group comprising a Braille keyboard and a sip-and-puff device.

42. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising a step of converting the testing content to XML format.

43. (New) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of highlighting individual words.

44. (New) The method of claim 7, further comprising a step of color coding at least one of passages and words.

45. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising a step of color coding at least one of a subject, a predicate, and an object of a sentence.

46. (New) The method of claim 32, comprising the further steps of:

loading a test onto a portable system;

providing a plurality of communication channels on the portable system by which the person may interact with the portable system; and

recording responses from said individual communicated via at least one of said channels.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, comprising the further step of using the processor to time portions of the test.

48. (New) The method of claim 46, comprising the further step of using the processor to prevent the person from returning to a portion of the test.

49. (New) The method of claim 46, comprising the further step of using the processor to enable a proctor to add additional time for taking the test.

50. (New) The method of claim 46, wherein the providing of channels step includes permitting access to at least one of an access group comprising a Braille keyboard and a sip-and-puff device.